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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks for the examiner's consideration.